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Status							
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 l	May 2005.						
3) Since this application is in condition for allowed	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims							
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.  4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  Claim(s) is/are allowed.  Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
Application Papers		·					
9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examin	er.						
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.							
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1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- A). The species depicted by figures 1 and 2;
- B). The species depicted by figures 3 and 4; and
- C). The species depicted by figures 7 and 8.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, at least claim 1 is generic.

In addition, this application further contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- 1). The wheel well mounting depicted by Fig. 5; and
- 2). The wheel well mounting depicted by Fig. 6.

Applicant is additionally required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed wheel well mounting consistent with the elected (mirror assembly) species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after

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the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

- 2. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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